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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Gracious God, our Father, help us to get inside what is happening in others so that we may see things with their eyes, think things with their minds, and feel things with their hearts. Strengthen us to be as kind to others as we wish them to be to us. Empower us by Your Spirit to be as faithful to others as You have been to us in spite of our shortcomings and failures.

Help us to make the same allowances for others as we would wish them to make for us.

Help us to express the same empathy for others as we would want them to have for us, when we hurt.

Help us to have the same respect and tolerance for the beliefs and ideas of others as we would wish them to have for ours.

Help us to understand others as we would wish to be understood.

So we commit this day to seek to be to others the giving and forgiving love You have been to us. Through Him who taught us the secret of serving others. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, this morning the time for the two leaders has been reserved and there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

At the hour of 10:30 a.m., the Senate will begin the first of two stacked roll-call votes. The first vote is on the confirmation of John Deutch, to be Director of the CIA. The second vote is on the motion to invoke cloture on the Coverdell-Dole amendment. Senators should also be aware that they have until 10:15 a.m. to file first- and second-degree amendments to the Coverdell-Dole amendment.

The Senate will recess today between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons.

### WAIVING MANDATORY LIVE QUORUM

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the mandatory live quorum be waived for the purpose of this morning's cloture vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to a period of morning business.

The Democratic leader, or his designee, is recognized to speak for up to 20 minutes.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] is recognized to speak for up to 20 minutes.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] is recognized to speak for up to 20 minutes.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

### FRESHMAN FOCUS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to use our time this morning as a

followup on the freshman focus that we have been carrying on for several weeks and attempt to continue. Some of my colleagues will join later in the morning and then again on Thursday.

As you know, the freshman class has made an effort to talk about the issues that are before the American people, that are before this Congress, and to focus on solving these problems, to focus on the notion that we need to find solutions—solutions that will help us to deliver services more efficiently, will help us to reduce the cost of Government, and will help us to be more effective in dealing with the problems of this country and, at the same time, reduce the size of Government.

So we are interested in exercising the first opportunity that we have had for a number of years to really analyze programs that have been in effect, in many cases, for 30 to 40 years. Frankly, the effort that has been made during that time was simply to add more money to the same program. I think most now would agree that it is time to analyze the effect, the impact, and the product of those programs. And we have, for the first time, a chance to do that.

We have a chance to change some of the efforts that have not succeeded—and there are some—so they are done in a different way. We hope our efforts will help us move forward in the Senate and in the Congress, to solving problems rather than to obstruct or just set down political issues for elections.

Today we want to talk about two issues that are very compelling which are before us and, frankly, issues that we have no alternative other than to solve. One is the budget; the other is Medicare.

Our purpose this week is to talk largely about Medicare. It is clearly related to the budget and, as a result, the two must be talked about together.

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